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Dear Mr. Dudas:

I am writing today to thank you and your office for your decision to accept the criteria put forward by the American Anti–Vivisection Society to reject the patent on rabbits, Patent No. 6,924,413. It was a sensible and enlightened, as well as compassionate, decision. I hope that in the future I will also hear the news that your office has decided to no longer issue patents on any animals, but for the time being I am extremely pleased that some animals will be spared unnecessary suffering. Again, thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Diane Hewitt